

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): Video telephone apparatus  
2 comprising image pick-up means for picking up the image of an  
3 object and generating a transmit picture signal according to the  
4 image of the object, communication means for transmitting and  
5 receiving said transmit picture signal and a receive picture  
6 signal, and display means for displaying video information based  
7 on the receive picture signal received from said communication  
8 means, characterized in that said video telephone apparatus  
9 comprises detector means for detecting the orientation of said  
10 video telephone apparatus and a rotating means for rotating the  
11 orientation of an image in at least either of said transmit  
12 picture signal and said receive picture signal based on the  
13 detected orientation of the video telephone apparatus and  
14 independent of the orientation of a distant party video telephone  
15 apparatus.

1 Claim 2 (currently amended): Video telephone apparatus  
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that detector means for  
3 detecting the orientation of said video telephone apparatus has  
4 image pick-up direction detector means for detecting the vertical  
5 direction of said ~~iii~~ image pick-up means.

1 Claim 3 (original): Video telephone apparatus according to  
2 claim 1, characterized in that detector means for detecting the  
3 orientation of said video telephone apparatus has display  
4 direction detector means for detecting the vertical direction of  
5 said display means.

1 Claim 4 (currently amended): Video telephone apparatus  
2 according to ~~any of the claims 1 through 3~~ claim 1, characterized  
3 in that said rotating means has transmit image rotating means for  
4 performing rotation processing on said transmit picture signal  
5 based on the orientation of said video telephone apparatus.

1 Claim 5 (currently amended): Video telephone apparatus  
2 according to ~~any of the claims 1 through 4~~ claim 1, characterized  
3 in that said rotating means has receive image rotating means for  
4 performing rotation processing on said receive picture signal  
5 based on the orientation of said video telephone apparatus.

1 Claim 6 (currently amended): Video telephone apparatus  
2 according to ~~any of the claims 1 through 5~~ claim 1, characterized  
3 in that said video telephone apparatus comprises a first receiver  
4 means for regenerating a receive audio signal received from said  
5 communication means, a second receiver means for regenerating the

6 receive audio signal received from said communication means to  
7 a signal level different from that of the first receiver means,  
8 and a receiver selector means for switching between said first  
9 receiver means and said second receiver means based on the  
10 orientation of said video telephone apparatus.

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1 Claim 7 (currently amended): Video telephone apparatus  
2 according to ~~any of the claims 1 through 6~~ claim 1, characterized  
3 in that said video telephone apparatus comprises a first  
4 transmitter means for converting voice data into an electric  
5 signal to generate a transmit audio signal, a second transmitter  
6 means for converting voice data into an electric signal to  
7 generate a transmit audio signal whose signal level differs from  
8 that of the first receiver means, and a transmitter selector  
9 means for switching between said first transmitter means and said  
10 second transmitter means based on the orientation of said video  
11 telephone apparatus.

1 Claim 8 (original): Video telephone apparatus according to  
2 claim 6, characterized in that said receiver selector means has  
3 picked-up image receiver means for switching between said first  
4 receiver means and said second receiver means based on the  
5 vertical direction of image pick-up means detected by image pick-  
6 up means detector means.

1 Claim 9 (original): Video telephone apparatus according to  
2 claim 6, characterized in that said receiver selector means is  
3 display receiver selector means and switches between said first  
4 receiver means and said second receiver means based on the  
5 vertical direction or horizontal direction of the display means  
6 detected by display means detector means.

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1 Claim 10 (original): Video telephone apparatus according to  
2 claim 7, characterized in that said transmitter selector means  
3 has picked-up image transmitter means for switching between said  
4 first transmitter means and said second transmitter means based  
5 on the vertical direction of image pick-up means detected by  
6 image pick-up means detector means.

1 Claim 11 (original): video telephone apparatus according to  
2 claim 7, characterized in that said transmitter selector means  
3 has display transmitter selector means for switching between said  
4 first transmitter means and said second transmitter means based  
5 on the vertical direction of display means detected by display  
6 means detector means.

1 Claim 12 (New): Video telephone apparatus comprising image  
2 pick-up means for picking up the image of an object and

3 generating a transmit picture signal according to the image of  
4 the object, communication means for transmitting and receiving  
5 said transmit picture signal and a receive picture signal, and  
6 display means for displaying video information based on the  
7 receive picture signal received from said communication means,  
8 characterized in that said video telephone apparatus comprises  
9 detector means for detecting the orientation of said video  
10 telephone apparatus and a rotating means for generating at least  
11 either said transmit picture signal by rotating the orientation  
12 of an image picked up by said image pick-up means, or an image  
13 for displaying by rotating the orientation of an image of said  
14 receive picture signal.

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